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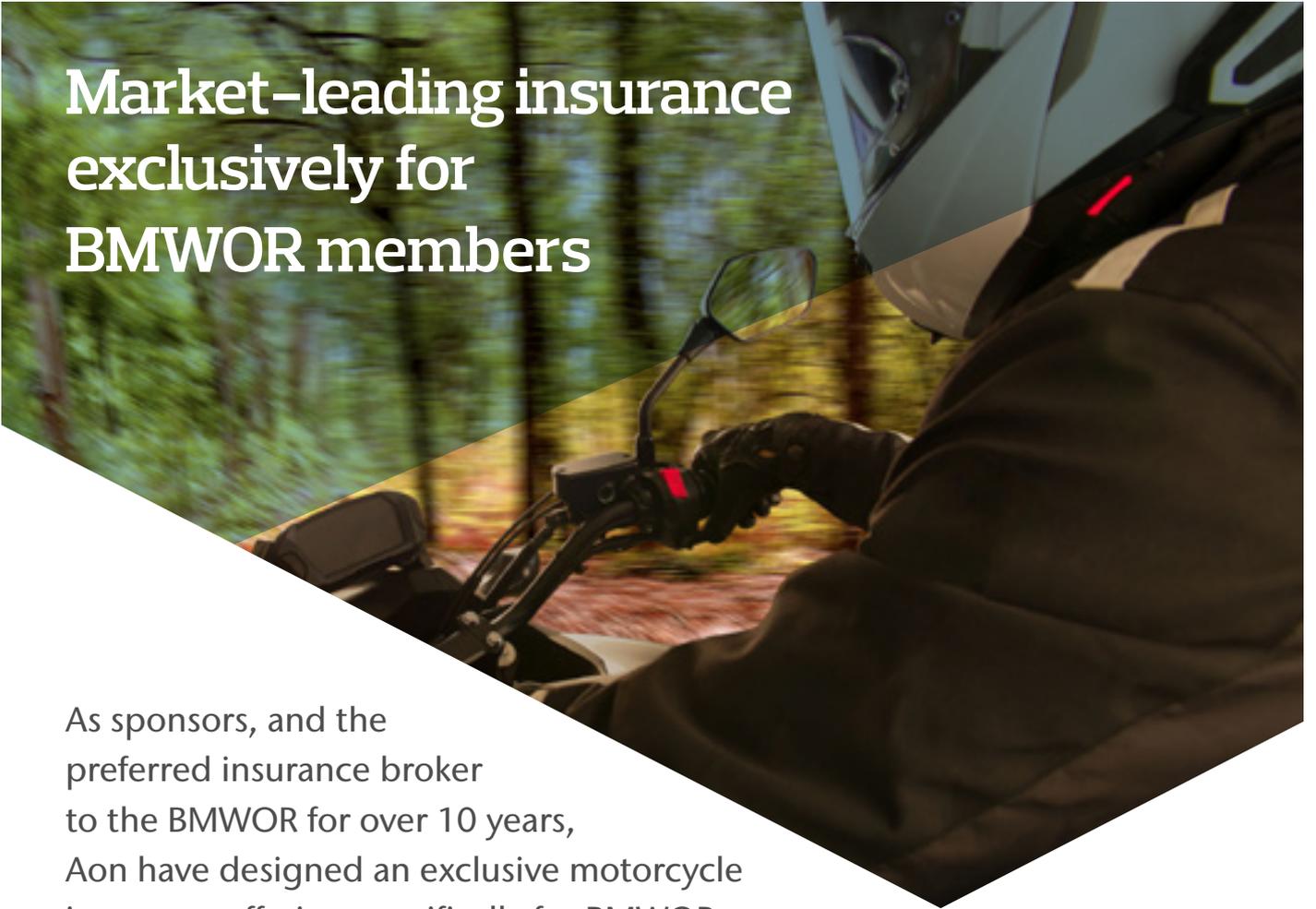
New Members

We hope you'll take part in many of your local and national events. Your Area Rep will be pleased to introduce you to other members in your area. Our monthly newsletter is an open forum for all members. If you fancy having a story (and photos) published about your ride, the rebuild of your bike, a book you might have read or a movie you have seen lately, or just want to get something off your chest about how the club is going, then get in touch with the Editor no later than the 15th day of the month preceding publication. We welcome your contribution.

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Presidents Podium

Garry Williams

Thanks to a late birthday treat from one of my best mates the HP2 has been treated to a custom set of engine bars, which is somewhat ironic given I've done close to 200,000 kilometres without the need for that level of protection. I was a bit worried that the extra weight and bulk would change the ride experience but I honestly don't notice any difference. I'm very happy with the result, the bars look great! Here's hoping they don't ever need to do the job they're intended to do.

We've had a great run of weather down here in Canterbury, especially on the weekend that Ralph pulled together an impromptu ride around the Banks Peninsula. A brilliant and relaxing day with stunning views across the harbour. Great to see Chris Matthews back on his mount after being laid up with a back problem for so long.

By the time you read this, Jo and I will have returned from Palm Springs, California where we attended the BMW Clubs International Council meeting. Will let you know more about that in the November issue.

Also, I hope members who got their cravats on, tussled their ties, pressed their tweed, and participated in the Distinguished Gentleman's Ride had an awesome day. I know in Christchurch over 118 riders raised more than \$8,000 to support men's health, specifically prostate cancer and mental health.

I'm looking forward to our South Island RAG Rally on the weekend of 16/17 November. We'll be congregating at the Borland Lodge between Lake Manapouri and Lake Monowai. There's still time to register, jump on the website you'll get sent more detail on what the weekend involves when you register.

Sadly, I have to report that the work to bring the club's Waimarino Adventure together has come to nothing. A number of issues the organisers were facing have not been resolved, and we've made the hard decision to pull the pin. Not all is lost though, Ben Wilkins tells me the GS Rallye is on in Mangawhai, Northland on November 8-9, 2019. Some of you will remember the Raglan event a couple of years ago and, if you enjoyed that, this is for you. It's for road legal machines on a mixture of gravel and sealed roads in the Kaipara region, many of which have been used in the World Rally Championships over the past 20 years. The roads are flowing, winding and a heap of fun to ride. There are no off-road challenge sections, which means you don't 'have' to fit knobbles - but there's a lot of gravel! Recommend that you do though, you know, because grip is good. Check out the GS Rallye New Zealand Facebook page for all you need to know.

There are plenty of other local area events going though. Do yourself a favour by looking out for the details from your Area Rep, the club website or our Facebook Group page. There's plenty to be getting on with.

One event Jo and I won't be missing is our Annual Rally in Blenheim next January. If you've not already booked, now is a good time to get onto your registration.

Hopefully, now that it's getting warmer and with daylight savings imminent, you'll be out an about a lot. Wherever your travels take you in October; have fun and make good decisions!

Garry

Bluebridge Ferry bookings now available through to 25th Oct 2020



If you're a mega-organised person who likes to plan ahead, or you still need to travel between islands for any of the up and coming or future club events you're in luck. You can now book your Bluebridge Cook Strait Ferries crossing right through until the 25 October 2020! If you haven't booked for summer yet, book soon - the ferries are filling up fast.

Here is a copy of the BMWOR Terms and conditions again.

Terms and Conditions:

- BMWOR rates do not apply to travel from 15 December to 15 January and Easter weekend including the Thursday before Good Friday and Tuesday after Easter Monday.
- Discounted passenger fares available for travel with or without a vehicle.
- A maximum of six passengers in one booking.
- Rates are not available in conjunction with any other offer.
- This discount is only eligible for bookings that include a minimum of one member.
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BMW Owners Register Risk Management Plan

Introduction:

The BMW Owners Register is an organisation whose members join together for rides to nominated venues and for other social occasions. The organiser nominates the destination and regrouping stages along the way, but otherwise has no influence upon the way that riders behave on the road. There is no element of organised competition in the rides.

Riding Code:

1. All register members on register rides shall do so as individuals responsible for their own safety and shall take into account the safety of others they encounter on the ride.
2. Register members are responsible for ensuring that their motorcycles are in a safe and legal condition, the minimum being to Warrant of Fitness standards.
3. Riders, pillion, and sidecar passengers where required, shall have as a minimum Standards New Zealand approved motorcycle helmets, and stout footwear, gloves and clothing that will be capable of protecting their body in the event of a mishap.
4. Register members are to go to the aid of any others suffering a mishap.

5. Ride organisers shall nominate the destination for the ride as well as any regrouping locations or other stops. The organiser is not responsible for other riders' behaviour or safety.

6. Riders shall ride at a speed and in a way that is comfortable for them. Do not ride outside your personal comfort envelope.

7. If a rider is unfamiliar with the route, they shall arrange to follow another rider who does know the way and who travels at a comfortable pace.

8. Riders who decide to travel as a group shall adopt a staggered riding formation such that there is an accepted following distance to the rider immediately in front. A reasonable following distance is indicated by a time of two seconds between riders for dry conditions, and longer for inclement conditions and on loose surfaces.

9. The Organiser and or the Register are not responsible for participants' safety, and all participants participate at their own risk. All participants are aware that they are travelling on open public roads and are responsible for their own safety and compliance with all Road Rules and Laws.



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Events Calendar

National Events

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Regional BMWOR Events

Northland - *See area Rep.*

Auckland - *See area Rep.*

Waikato - *See area Rep.*

Bay of Plenty - *See Area Rep.*

Taranaki - *See area Rep.*

Rangitikei - *See area Rep.*

East Coast - *See Area Rep.*

Wairarapa/Wellington -

Note – In addition to the events noted here we also undertake 'Impromptu Rides' these are offered via Email to the membership with a couple of days' notice when the weather looks like being favourable.

Nelson - See Area Rep

Canterbury - See Area Rep

Otago/Southland - See Area Rep



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Waikato

Ride Report September 2019

3 riders, Paul, Joy and Phil met at Mobil in Hillcrest on Sat 14th for the ride.

The weather was looking dodgy, but a check of the rain radar indicated that we might just get lucky and miss the worst of it on our way down to Napier for the overnighter. Tony met us en-route just beyond Karapiro and 3 more joined us at Whakamaru.

We took Kaahu Rd to join up with Poihipi Rd and on to Taupo where Phil left us as he was just out for a day loop via Rotorua. The 6 remaining Waikato members headed out onto the Napier – Taupo as temperatures dropped and rain threatened. A quick stop at the waterfall where the temp was about 8 degrees and then it was on to Napier where it was a lovely day and a lot warmer at around 18.

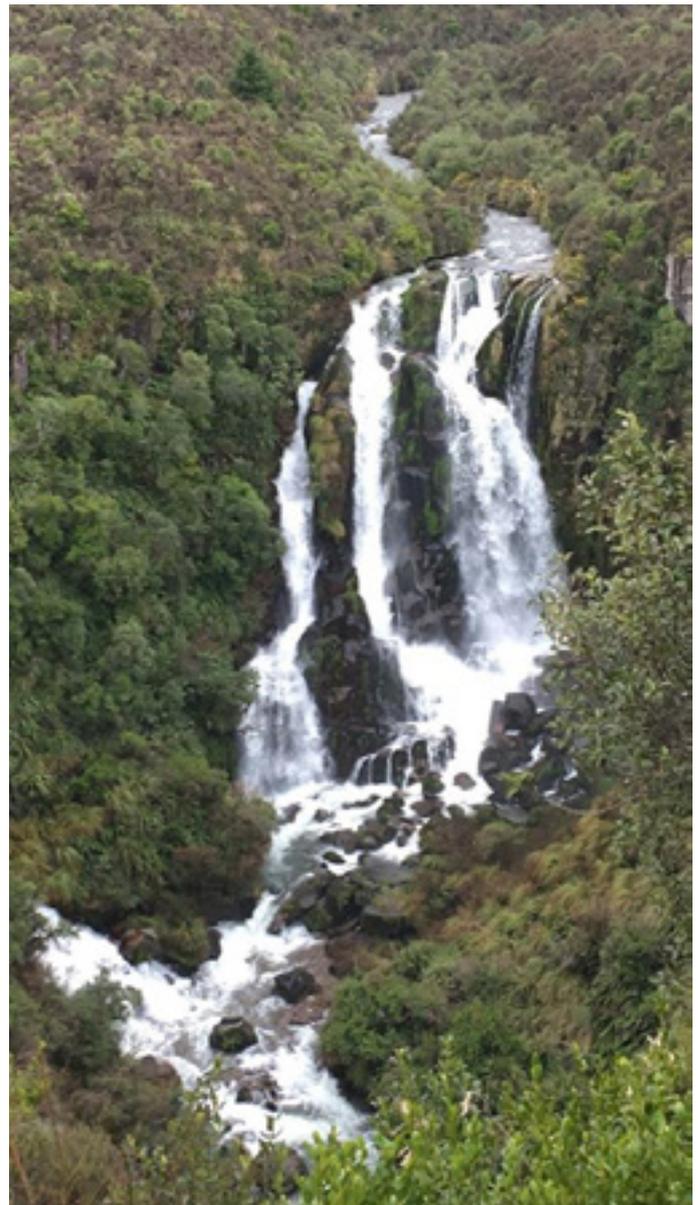


We stayed the night at the Bayview Hotel where they have some cabins etc. The boys were all up early so at 8am we gassed up at the BP and headed out through some twisties via Hill Rd, Seafield Rd and Puketitiri Rds to connect with the Gentle Annie Rd to Taihape. After a quick stop at the lookout to view the HB panoramic view, we carried on the Taihape for lunch & a re-fuel. The weather was good but the temperature did hit 5 as we headed up the Desert Rd, then turned off at Rangipo to head around lake Rotoraira and over the saddle to Tokaanu. When we got to the Western Access Rd we discovered that it was closed, so a change of plan and we headed over the Taumarunui.



Just north of town my bike was about to clock over the 100,000kms mark (65,000 under my ownership) so a quick stop to take the pic and we carried on the Otorohanga where we parted company with the other 4 riders who headed to Cambridge and Matamata. We got home at about 4.30pm after covering 822 kms. A great group of people, really lucky with the weather and an enjoyable ride had by all.

Thank goodness for heated grips was a comment heard more than once over the weekend!



Taranaki

Hi all. My name is Scott Mills and I am a member of the BMW Motorcycle Owners Club from the Taranaki region.

Recently I attended the Area Reps meeting held in Wellington on behalf of our local rep who was away on holiday. I was unsure of what to expect at the meeting having not been to one before. I am a member of several

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clubs and am Chairperson for my local school board of trustees. I manage a farm that employs 3 other people and attend regular meetings with other farm managers for my region. It's fair to say that I have attended my fair share of meetings throughout my working career and this one I assumed would be like the others, but, seeing as it was for a club, I expected it to be a bit more casual and without a solid agenda or meeting protocols, like other small clubs.

I could not have been more wrong. The meeting was held over two days and covered many agenda items. All of the agenda items were allocated time slots and these times were adhered to very well. I have not been to a meeting as well run at club level as this one. The Executive team and Area Reps are all passionate about the BMW brand and ensuring that our club is run professionally and is sustainable going into the future.

There was much discussion around how we can attract new members and our strategies for recruitment. I was surprised by the amount of preparation that went into the meeting to ensure that all of the delegates had the relevant information for each of the agenda items. Please be assured that your club has a very hard working executive team that cares about you and the future of the club.

The Taranaki arm of the club is small. We have a regular monthly run on the second Sunday of each month. We are blessed in our region to have a lot of country roads to explore, many with gravel for those that like that. We have our own FaceBook page that we use to promote our runs but we also send out texts and emails to those on the list. If you are in our region but have yet to join us for a ride, please make contact through our FaceBook page or by contacting Ray, our Area Rep. We are a very casual bunch and will organise a run to suit any skill level and bike.

I'm looking forward to meeting up with you all at the Marlborough AGM. It's going to be great fun. There are some great roads to explore down there and the team from the Tasman region are set to make this AGM one to remember.

Take care out there.

Scott

Rangitikei

The winter weather patterns had severely disrupted our riding schedule with both the July and August rides cancelled. The same threat loomed over our trip planned for 8 September so the decision was made to postpone until 15 September.

Peter T. had planned our route and on the day 5 adventure bikes headed off over the hill eastwards to complete a loop containing two extensive gravel sections.

The ride left Summerhill car park (Aokautere) and the first destination was Pahiatua via "the track".

Riding north we soon arrived at the Pongaroa turn off and ventured off through the stunning Makuri Gorge. At Makuri we continued directly ahead and were soon on the gravel road winding its way up to Coonoor.

The rain had stayed away but we now struck winds strong enough to really sharpen your focus onto holding your line. The road climbs up to around 700m and at the top where it goes through a cutting it was really whistling. Down from



Chatting with some friendly locals at the start of our first gravel section.



Makuri-Pongoroa ride

the heights we made the short detour into the Waihi Falls then it was the Pongaroa pub for lunch. It was close but the fish and chips out ordered the bangers and mash this time.

Continuing out on Route 52 saw us arrive in Eketahuna then back in against the hills we found our second gravel section taking us along the Mangatainoka and Mangahao rivers and out to the seal again at Mangamaire. Over the track once again and then a coffee at the Sony Café, Summerhill, before dispersing homeward bound.

It was a terrific ride over quite varied terrain taking in new places for most of us. Thanks Peter for the organisation.

Barry Petherick.

Wellington/Wairarapa

Impromptu Ride – Shannon, Ashhurst, Hunterville – 03 September 2019

Four Wellington riders Michael C, Ken W, Dave H and Peter N departed the BP Mana Service Station for Ashhurst at 09:00hrs riding via SH57. During the ride between Shannon and Ashhurst we witnessed an accident between a small car

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that turned right on to the Pahiatua Track, failing to give way to an SUV travelling South. This resulted in the SUV hitting the front left headlight area on the car, also damaging the SUVs right front headlight area. Damage only no injuries. Someone not paying attention to their driving.

The Wellington riders were joined at Ashhurst by Lance N (for coffee) Barry P and Murray P after a quick coffee 6 of us departed via the Colyton Rd and Kimbolton Rd turning at Cheltenham for the ride through to Vinegar Hill. The Vinegar hill road has some great twisties towards the Vinegar Hill end. Lunch was enjoyed at the Café and Motel opposite the BP Service Station in Hunterville.

Dave H was having trouble with the ABS brakes on his R1200, so Barry P rode with him to the Motorcycle Shop in Levin where the issue was thought to be a battery problem.

The other 4 riders travelled back to Shannon via sealed back roads that took us inland from SH1, down through Halcombe and Sanson and down several back roads through Rongotea ultimately back onto SH57.

Three of us refuelled at Shannon where the fuel cost was a full 20c cheaper per litre than at the BP Mana. The ride back to Wellington was in relatively light traffic with the writer arriving home around 16:00 after a 386km ride home to home in great company.

Peter Nash

Nelson

We met up at QE2 carpark on Sunday 8th September, it was about 8C with a bitterly cold southerly blowing. It was nice to see William, Murray and Darren back out on their bikes and great to be joined again by Gretchen and Tony.

We headed straight over to Blenheim and had an early lunch at the RSA above the Convention Centre. We managed to stay dry on the way over and only got rained



on between Havelock and Renwick. We discussed a few 2020 Rally ideas over lunch.

After Lunch Tony and Murray headed back home. William joined us for the first part of the afternoon ride to Whites Bay. All went to plan heading to Whites Bay, a nice sealed ride offering some pleasant views along the way. At Whites Bay there is a reserve consisting of the old Cable Station, a beach and several walking tracks.

The remaining three of us headed on down to Seddon to check out Yealands Estate, a perfect spot with some spectacular scenery. From there we looped back around to Renwick and checked out the Moa Brewery, which although worthy of a visit if you like to drink beer, it is not suitable for people in charge of motorcycles or a large group.

We then went and checked out the Vines Village nearby, and we were greeted by very friendly staff. The Manager was very helpful and gave us a tour around the facility to show us what was available. There is a brewery, cellar door, cafe, ice cream parlour and a lovely garden by a large pond. They also brew their own Kombucha and the Manager kindly gave us a tasting, absolutely delicious, I will definitely be having some of this when I go back. Time was getting on by now so we decided to call it a day, headed home and made it back before dark.



2017 BMW G 310 GS - source: Facebook



Preliminary Notice of AGM

The 2020 Annual General Meeting of BMW Owner's Register Inc. will be held at 5:00pm on Saturday 25 January 2019 at the Marlborough Convention Centre situated at 42a Alfred Street, Blenheim.

Any Member of BMWOR intending to bring forward a subject for discussion or to move a resolution at the AGM must give notice in writing to the Secretary on or prior to 5.00pm on Sunday 5 January 2020.

Notices must specify the subject or set out the resolution to be moved in accordance with clause 9.1.5 of the club's constitution and must be dated and signed by the mover and seconder, both of whom must be members of BMWOR. Any notices of resolution submitted after Sunday 5 January 2020 will not be accepted.

The final agenda for the Annual General Meeting, including any notices of motion received from any Members, will be sent electronically or by post to all members at their last known place of address and posted on the Club website fourteen days prior to the meeting.

All Current Board Members were re-elected for further two-year period at the 2019 AGM. No further Elections are required. However Nominations for alternate members of the Board are now open. In accordance with the BMWOR Constitution each elected position is for a two year period.. The Nomination Form is available by clicking [HERE](#)

Nominations made after 19 December 2010 can only be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

A final Notice of the AGM will be sent out on Saturday 11 January and will include details of the business at hand that includes:

- Minutes of the previous meeting,
- Annual report from the Board,
- Financial statements for the financial year, including income and expenditure, balance sheet for the past year and the estimate of income and expenditure for the current year,
- Election of Officers
- any remits, notice of motion or anything to be included as business beyond that prescribed above that the Secretary has received prior to the 20th day before the AGM (which is Sunday 5 January 2020)

Important Dates:

Nominations for Board Members	Thursday 19 December 2020
Final Date for Newsletter publication	Thursday 19 December 2020
Subject for Discussion / Remit	5.00pm Sunday 5 January 2020
Final Agenda for AGM	Saturday 11 January 2020
Annual General Meeting:	Saturday 25 January 2020



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BMW Motorrad model revision measures for model year 2020.

New colours, styles and equipment. Price reduction for optional equipment for BMW F 750 GS, F 850 GS and F 850 GS Adventure.

Munich. Model year 2020 sees a number of model revision measures included in the BMW Motorrad program. The models can be ordered from BMW Motorrad partners in the new configuration from August 2019.

BMW G 310 R.

- New paint finish Cosmic black 2 (change of tape colour, front fender, radiator cover and rear fairing black (MY 2019: white).
- The paint finish Cosmic black will no longer be available.

BMW G 310 GS.

- New paint finish Strato blue metallic.
- The paint finish Racing red will no longer be available.

BMW C 650 Sport.

- New paint finish Lupin blue metallic.
- The paint finish Austin Yellow metallic will no longer be available.

BMW C 650 GT.

- New paint finish Hockenheim silver metallic.
- The paint finish Ocean blue metallic matt will no longer be available.

BMW F 750 GS / F 850 GS / F 850 GS Adventure.

- Price reduction of 15% for optional equipment, e.g.
 - Dynamic ESA: 455,-€ ? 390,-€
 - Riding modes Pro: 410,-€ ? 350,-€
 - Comfort package: 770,-€ ? 650,-€
 - Dynamic package: 730,-€ ? 640,-€
- Style names "Rallye" and "Exclusive" now shown in tapes.

BMW S 1000 R.

- New paint finish San Marino blue metallic.
- The paint finish Racing red/Black storm metallic will no longer be available.

BMW S 1000 RR.

- New paint finish Hockenheim silver metallic.
- New: Carbon package (front and rear fender, upper fairing side panel left and right, chain guard and sprocket cover).

BMW K 1600 GT.

- New paint finish Option 719 Blue planet metallic/Ivory.
- New paint finish Option 719 Stardust metallic.
- The colours Option 719 Blue planet metallic and Option 719 Sparkling storm metallic will no longer be available.
- New Option 719 seat dark brown.
- Option 719 seats saddle brown and dark brown can now be ordered for all colours/styles.
- Black switches.
- Including reverse gear.

BMW K 1600 GTL.

- New paint finish Option 719 Blue planet metallic/Ivory.
- New paint finish Option 719 Stardust metallic.

- New paint finish Black storm metallic.
- The colours Option 719 Blue planet metallic, Option 719 Sparkling storm metallic and Light white will no longer be available.
- New Option 719 seat dark brown.
- Option 719 seats saddle brown and dark brown can now be ordered for all colours/styles.
- Black switches.
- Including reverse gear.

BMW K 1600 B.

- New paint finish Hockenheim silver metallic.
- Black switches.
- Including reverse gear.

BMW K 1600 Grand America.

- New paint finish Hockenheim silver metallic.
- Black switches.
- Including reverse gear and audio platform.

BMW R 1250 GS and R 1250 GS Adventure.

Cross-spoked wheels gold or black can now be ordered for all colours/styles.

BMW R nineT - all models.

ASC (Automatic Stability Control) becomes standard equipment.

BMW R 1250 RT.

- New paint finish Option 719 Blue planet metallic/Ivory.
- New paint finish Option 719 Stardust metallic.
- New paint finish Manhattan metallic (Style Elegance).
- The colours Option 719 Blue planet metallic, Option 719 Sparkling storm metallic and Carbon black metallic (Style Elegance) will no longer be available.
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Contacts	Mobile:	Phone:
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Friday dinner		\$30	
Sunday dinner		\$40	
Surcharge for Non-BMW members		\$30	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> Short			
Polo Shirt Size (Men)	Available sizes – Small to 7XL <i>Please refer to sizing chart</i>			\$60	
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Marlborough Convention Centre
42a Alfred Street
Blenheim

30 Minutes from the Picton Ferry Terminal, accessible via SH1 and SH6

Only 5 minutes parking on site on Friday

Parking is being arranged at the Blenheim School, next to the venue. Look out for BMW signage into the school carpark

New style T-Shirt and Polo Shirts for the 2020 Rally

The Nelson Region BMWOR look forward to welcoming you in January 2020.



Jetty at Penzance

Saturday road ride, picnic in Penzance.

You will need to bring along a picnic lunch as there are no catering facilities in the bay. In Blenheim town centre there are plenty of cafes, a Subway, and a supermarket to get suitable food and drinks to take along. Don't forget to bring your togs & a towel for a swim, the water is crystal clear.

Saturday GS ride, Port Underwood Peninsula

Suitable for all levels of gravel rider. You will need to bring along a picnic lunch. In Blenheim town centre there are plenty of cafes, a Subway and a supermarket to get suitable food and drinks to take along for the ride.



View from Port Underwood Road

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Vines Village Cafe

Sunday road ride, Tiki Tour

Head out to Whites Bay, take in the scenery and the heritage. Back to Blenheim for a short stop at the Makana Chocolate Factory, before continuing onto the Vines Village Cafe for lunch. After lunch you can do your own thing or continue on for a ride out to Yealands Estate for a tour around the 'White Road'. This is a very fine gravel loop that has fantastic views out to Cape Campbell and Arapawa, and on a clear day the North Island is visible too. This is suitable for all road bikes and if you can ride through road works, you can easily do this.



Sunday GS ride option 1

Molesworth, Alma Track and Rainbow Road. This ride will be for intermediate level riders and suitable for experienced pillions, it is a long day and will involve multiple water crossings.

You will need to bring along a picnic lunch. In Blenheim town centre there are plenty of cafes, a Subway and a supermarket to get suitable food and drinks to take along for the ride.



Molesworth Station

Sunday GS ride option 2

Advanced GS ride still in the planning.

You will need to bring along a picnic lunch. In Blenheim town centre there are plenty of cafes, a Subway and a supermarket to get suitable food and drinks to take along for the ride.



SIZE	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
LENGTH	74	76	78	78	80	82	84	86
HALF CHEST	53.5	56	58.5	62.5	66.5	70.5	74.5	78.5

MENS T-SHIRT



SIZE	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
LENGTH	65.5	66.5	67.5	68.5	69.5	70.5	71.5	74.5	75.5	76.5	77.5
HALF CHEST	43	45.5	48	50.5	53	55.5	58	60.5	65	65.5	68

WOMENS T-SHIRT



SIZE	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	6XL	7XL
LENGTH	73.25	75	76.75	78.5	80.25	82	82	82	82	82
HALF CHEST	54	56.5	59	61.5	64	66.5	69	71.5	74	76.5

MENS POLO SHIRT



SIZE	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
LENGTH	64	66	68	70	72	74	76	78	80	82
HALF CHEST	41.5	44	46.5	49	51.5	54	56.5	59	61.5	64

WOMENS POLO SHIRT



Illustrations not drawn to scale, final design may vary slightly.

BMW Motorrad Vision DC Roadster

The electrical awakening of the boxer engine.

Munich. For more than 90 years, the 2-cylinder boxer engine has been a key element of the BMW Motorrad identity, in both technological and visual terms. But as the BMW Group consistently pursues electrification, the question arises as to what a BMW motorcycle might look like that is electrically powered? And how would it reveal itself at first sight to be a BMW? One possible answer to these questions is provided by the BMW Motorrad Vision DC Roadster, a highly emotional naked bike with electric drive.

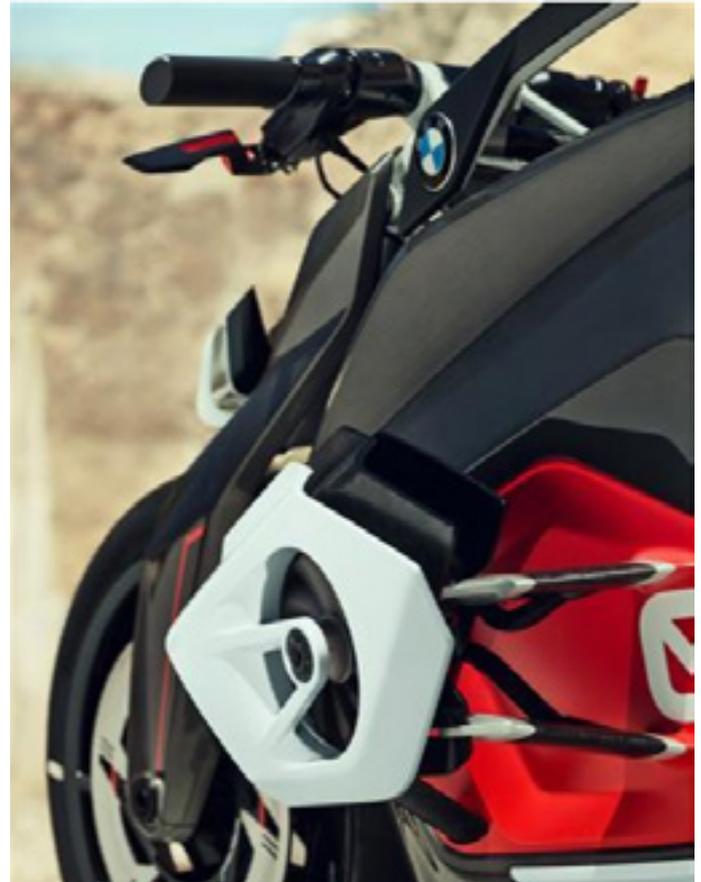
“The boxer engine is the heart of BMW Motorrad – an absolute stalwart of its character. But BMW Motorrad stands for visionary zero-emissions vehicle concepts, too. In view of this, one question that arises is: what would happen if we were to replace the boxer engine with an electric motor and the required battery? The Vision Bike shows how we’re able to



retain the identity and iconic appearance of BMW Motorrad in distinctive form while at the same time presenting an exciting new type of riding pleasure,” explains Edgar Heinrich, Head of Design BMW Motorrad. “After all: anyone who’s ever tried it out in practice knows very well that riding on two wheels is just as exciting when its electrically powered! The high level of torque right at set-off makes for breath-taking acceleration. This almost brutal power delivery creates a whole new experience of dynamic performance. And the BMW Motorrad Vision DC Roadster puts a face to this experience.”

New drive, familiar appearance.

In a motorcycle, the motor is the centrepiece – it is the fundamental element, providing the basis for the entire architecture. But electrical drive components have completely



different requirements in terms of installation space. While in a conventional motorbike the size of the engine is mainly determined by its capacity, it is the battery that takes up most space in the case of an electrically powered vehicle. The electric motor itself is relatively compact. Starting from this new basis, the BMW Motorrad Vision DC Roadster is able to make this transfer – retaining the iconic appearance of a boxer while filling it with a new function. This is why the Vision Bike is instantly recognisable as a BMW motorcycle, revealing its electric nature on closer inspection.

Replacing what would previously have been the engine, there is now a vertically fitted, longitudinally oriented battery. For cooling purposes, two side elements protrude with cooling ribs and integrated ventilators. As in the boxer engine of the BMW R 32 – the development of which was masterminded by Max Friz in 1923 – the cooling elements are placed in the air stream.

The cylinder-shaped electric motor is positioned underneath the battery and is directly connected to the universal shaft. The BMW Motorrad Vision DC Roadster thus demonstrates a clever drive architecture that visually echoes the history of BMW Motorrad while at the same time taking it a step further.

Dynamic performance reflected in the proportions.

In the side view, the BMW Motorrad Vision DC Roadster presents a highly dynamic gesture with clear front-wheel orientation. The low front section and the short, high rear convey a sense of agility. Instead of the fuel tank, a flat, finely-wrought tubular structure spans the vehicle corpus. Its further shaping integrates the seat in a modern form, thereby creating the flyline of a sporty roadster. The frame structure is



of the front and rear lights is an iconic implementation of the hallmark BMW Motorrad lighting, reflecting maximum reduction in modern style. The headlamp shows the LED daytime riding light in a dynamic, flat U shape, while two compact LED lenses on each side provide the low and high beam. This creates a hallmark lighting design that makes the concept vehicle instantly recognisable as a BMW motorcycle – both during the day and at night. The rear light consists of two C-shaped LED elements which are integrated in the aluminium rear carrier in minimalist, technically high-quality form. On the flanks of the tires exclusively made by Metzeler for the Vision Bike, five fluorescent elements, each about the size of a postage stamp, are integrated. They combine innovative design with safety aspects: standing and moving, the lighting elements create an exciting graphic effect. In darkness, they increase the visibility from the side, thus providing more security. They also convey dynamics when in motion.

Smart rider equipment.

The functional two-piece suit is not instantly recognisable as protective clothing: it is an outfit that primarily stands as a modern, emotional fashion statement. The light jacket with large graphics in iridescent colouring and the casually styled black trousers combine fashion sense with new functionalities. The protectors are sewn in almost invisibly, while integrated technologies enable various light functions as well as the digital connectivity of the future. An asymmetrical rucksack vest rounds off the rider equipment for the vision vehicle. Fixed to the jacket by means of magnets, it provides storage space and additional functionality. The permanent magnets means that the rucksack is quick to put on and take off.

Symbol of a new generation.

The BMW Motorrad Vision DC Roadster is a visionary symbol of the future of BMW Motorrad with alternative drive forms. It showcases the electrically powered driving experience in honest, authentic form, in particular creating a new, distinctive aesthetic appeal that is still firmly rooted in the finest BMW tradition.



a key factor in defining the dynamic side view.

The large battery with its laterally protruding cooling systems is positioned at the centre of a frame milled from aluminium. The three-dimensional surface finish on the battery trim conveys a contemporary aesthetic appeal with its precise contours. The cooling elements echo the slight forward tilt of the battery silhouette, giving the side a dynamic momentum. When starting the electric motor, these cooling elements move out slightly, indicating that the bike is ready to go.

High performance with a light touch.

The overall appearance of the BMW Motorrad Vision DC conveys a sense of lightness so as to emphasise driving dynamics. Elements such as the seat and the cooling system appear to hover around the battery. On the frame itself, lengthwise milled grooves create a fascinating visual effect, reducing the perceived volume and highlighting the bike's longitudinal dynamics. This impression is further underscored by means of openings in the milled aluminium frame and the tubular frame structure arranged above it. High-tech materials such as carbon fibre and aluminium reduce the overall weight and give the BMW Motorrad Vision DC Roadster a technical aesthetic. Meanwhile, red contrast elements and brushed aluminium at selected points such as the battery, frame and cool systems emphasise the bike's innovative geometry.

High-quality details on closer inspection.

A key element of the BMW Motorrad Vision DC Roadster's captivating overall appeal is the elaborate finish to be found in all its details. Within the mainly dark colour concept, it is the mechanical elements such as the exposed universal shaft and the Duolever fork that add striking accentuations. In this case, the two classic BMW features are re-interpreted and elaborately showcased. In the same way, the suggested triangular frame echoes a typical feature of earlier BMW motorcycle models, even recapturing its white lines, which in this instance fluoresce in the dark. The minimalist design

Destination of the BMW Motorrad International GS Trophy 2020 revealed: Kia Ora – Welcome to New Zealand!

Munich. "Destination Paradise" might easily be the motto of the seventh edition of the BMW Motorrad International GS Trophy which will hit ground in early 2020. Last night at 7 pm CET BMW Motorrad revealed that the next Int. GS Trophy will take place in New Zealand – just another dream destination for most adventure riders worldwide. The participating nations now face a busy time, hosting their qualifiers and selecting their teams for this exciting and unique global adventure competition. 18 international teams, plus, as in the 2016 and 2018 editions, an international female contingent will be selected during the next months.

Confirmed teams for 2020:

Australia	Mexico	Nordic (Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland)
China	Female Team(s)	North Africa (Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt)
France	Russia	India
South Africa	Italy	South Korea
Japan	Thailand	Latin America
UK	Middle East	USA
Malaysia/Philippines		

BMW Motorrad International GS Trophy 2020 Oceania.

After the long days on the vast Mongolian Steppe of the 2018 Central Asia edition, New Zealand is going to provide a very different riding environment and experience for the qualifying GS riders, as Ralf Rodepeter, Head of Marketing and Product Management BMW Motorrad explains: "After Tunisia, Southern Africa, Patagonia, Canada, Thailand and most recently Mongolia, BMW Motorrad were again looking for a location that offers perfect 'GS terrain'. Lots of legal off-road kilometres are required, with demanding route profiles, passing through fascinating landscapes and with plenty of exotic flair. New Zealand is a perfect fit on those terms. The variety of astounding landscapes from sea to volcanoes to high-altitude mountains, combined with the most beautiful vegetation and the rich Maori culture provide the perfect setting for what we think will be one of the most exciting Int. GS Trophies ever held."

About New Zealand.

New Zealand is located 1500 km east of Australia, in the Southern Ocean. There are two main islands, North and South, plus a multitude of smaller islands around the coastline. The combined landmass is approximately 270,000 sq km, which is slightly larger than say the UK, yet the population is just 4.9 million compared to the UK's 66 million.

Taking into account New Zealand's significant urban populations in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch this makes for a very sparsely populated countryside and many regions of New Zealand can be termed wilderness. Geologically, New Zealand is positioned over the Pacific and Indo-Australian tectonic plates so this leads to the presence of many (active) volcanoes, geothermal regions plus an alpine mountain range that reaches higher than 3700 metres. Seismic activity occurs periodically.

Positioned so remotely, much of New Zealand's flora and fauna have evolved in isolation over millennia so are unique to this country. This includes the Kiwi bird, NZ's national icon, which quietly forages under the dense canopy of the island's native forests – which in turn are thousands of years old (with Kauri, Rimu and Totara trees which in days past were valued for boat and house building but today, like the Kiwi, are protected species).

The variation in the landscape is startling and the riders can expect to experience everything from forests to deserts to mountains probably all on the same day. Visiting in the antipodean summertime temperatures should be similar to that of central Europe in August. New Zealand is also rich in culture and that of the indigenous Maori people – with strong principles of community and stunning arts and crafts – is particularly unique and valued.

About the Intl. GS Trophy.

The International GS Trophy is a celebration of the spirit of the BMW GS motorcycle, bringing together those elements of leisure, adventure and challenge that this bike engenders.

The New Zealand 2020 event is the seventh edition of the International GS Trophy, the previous editions took place in Central Asia (Mongolia) in 2018, South East Asia (Thailand) in 2016, North America (Canada) in 2014, South America (Chile, Argentina) in 2012, South Africa (SA, Swaziland, North Africa (Tunisia) in 2008. This edition will see 19 teams – maybe even 20 – competing, meaning 54-57 riders, from around the world. The event is not a race but a team competition, pitching the GS-riding international contingent against each other in a series of challenges – and not all involve riding. With the competitors camped nightly in a bivouac, the event also fosters a sense of brotherhood, sisterhood and camaraderie. Equally the GS Trophy is a celebration of culture and nature, the riders learning about and understanding the peoples and the terrains of the regions they encounter. So the successful team will be respectful of the environment, skillful and sympathetic with their machinery and understanding of team-mates.

Follow the event. In forthcoming press releases BMW Motorrad will provide details on the GS motorcycles that will be used, the equipment the participants will receive to help them through the event, and more information on the participating countries and teams selected.

During the event BMW Motorrad will provide a multi-channel media experience, with outputs ranging from social media feeds to regular written press releases to professionally shot and edited video synopses of each day, full details of which will be released closer to the time. For now you can find out more about the event and the teams at the dedicated website gstrophy.com.



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BMW Voyage 2 Jacket and separate pants for sale (see photos below). Both items are size L with original BMW labels, buttons etc. All original armour is in place and are in excellent order.

- The Jacket is a BMW Size L and from the BMW Sizing Chart that is for a chest size 50" – 52".
- The trousers are BMW Size 54 which equate to 38" – 40" waist.

Both are in near new condition. They are just on 2 years old, but her husband died a few months after buying them. He was 5'8" to 5'9" tall but with a large chest due to his Gym work.

Prices are negotiable but are about half price from a new set. Pick up is in Wellington.

Seller in based in Wellington with contact details available from me. Potential buyers are also welcome to try them on for size.

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